



Proclamation

- In Memoriam -

Former Mayor Herbert Tatsuo Matayoshi

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Herbert Tatsuo Matayoshi was born on November 21, 1928; graduated from Hilo High School in 1946; earned a business degree at the University of Michigan; performed graduate work at Temple University before receiving his master's degree from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Herbert Tatsuo Matayoshi was a member of the Hawai'i County Board of Supervisors, and then the County Council from 1962 to 1974; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Herbert Tatsuo Matayoshi became the second-elected Hawai'i County Mayor in 1974 and served until 1984, and was an advocate for infrastructural improvements of Downtown Hilo; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Herbert Tatsuo Matayoshi was instrumental in the creation of county community services including the Elderly Activities Division, a program which improves the quality of life for seniors in the Hilo community; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Herbert Tatsuo Matayoshi focused on delivering important services to the Hawai'i County, including integrating the police, fire and emergency medical services, using a fiscally responsible model, so they could respond to emergencies in a timely and coordinated effort; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Herbert Tatsuo Matayoshi was a significant supporter of small businesses in Downtown Hilo; opposed the development of Prince Kuhio Mall because he was concerned the mall would take business away from local business owners in Downtown Hilo; and

WHEREAS, Former Mayor Herbert Tatsuo Matayoshi's legacy of government and community service is continued through the work of his family – wife, Mary Matayoshi, Founder of the Volunteer Resource Center of Hawai'i; sons, Jerry Matayoshi, Esq.; Ron Matayoshi, Director of International Programs at the University of Hawai'i School of Social Work; Dr. Eric Matayoshi, physician at Kaiser Permanente; and daughter, Kathryn Matayoshi, Superintendent of the Hawai'i State Department of Education;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, and BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to the Matayoshi family on the passing of a true son of Hawai'i, and as a mark of respect for the memory of Former Mayor Herbert Tatsuo Matayoshi, hereby order, by the authority vested in us by the Constitution and laws of the State of Hawai'i, that the National Flag and the Hawai'i State Flag shall be flown at half-staff at all State offices and agencies as well as the Hawai'i National Guard from sunrise on August 15, 2011 through sunset on August 15, 2011.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of July, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i